

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

### **Claims 1 to 5. (Canceled)**

**Claim 6. (New)** A monoazo lake pigment composition containing a monoazo lake pigment obtained from a laked pigment aqueous slurry prepared by conducting coupling of a diazo component obtained by diazotizing an aromatic amine having a soluble group and a coupler component, and conducting laking after or simultaneously with the coupling,

wherein the laking is carried out in the presence of a water-soluble acrylic polymer in an amount of 0.1 to 40 parts by weight per 100 parts by weight of the above coupler component, and

the monoazo lake pigment is surface-treated by further adding 0.1 to 30 parts by weight of a water-soluble acrylic polymer to 100 parts by weight (solid content) of the laked pigment aqueous slurry.

**Claim 7. (New)** The monoazo lake pigment composition according to claim 6,

wherein the diazo component is an aminotoluenesulfonic acid derivative and the coupler component is  $\beta$ -oxynaphthoic acid or  $\beta$ -naphthol.

**Claim 8. (New)** A gravure ink comprising the pigment composition as recited in claim 6 and a gravure ink vehicle.

**Claim 9. (New)** A monoazo lake pigment composition containing a monoazo lake pigment separated by filtering and drying a laked pigment aqueous slurry prepared by conducting coupling of a diazo component obtained by diazotizing an aromatic amine having a soluble group and a coupler component, and conducting laking after or simultaneously with the coupling,

wherein the laking is carried out in the presence of a water-soluble acrylic polymer in an amount of 0.1 to 40 parts by weight per 100 parts by weight of the above coupler component, and

0.1 to 30 parts by weight of a powder of a water-soluble acrylic polymer is further added and mixed to/with 100 parts by weight of the pigment separated from the laked pigment aqueous slurry.

**Claim 10. (New)** The monoazo lake pigment composition according to claim 9, wherein the diazo component is an aminotoluenesulfonic acid derivative and the coupler component is  $\beta$ -oxynaphthoic acid or  $\beta$ -naphthol.

**Claim 11. (New)** A gravure ink comprising the pigment composition as recited in claim 9 and a gravure ink vehicle.